

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile

COLORADO

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Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness Planning & Readiness Assessment • Epidemiology and Surveillance – Core • Laboratory Capacity for Biologic Agents • Health Alert Network
Colorado has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing the Colorado Counter Terrorism Advisory Council • Developing and updating emergency plans and procedures for response to terrorism • Developing a resource list and database with 24-hour contact information for state and regional subject matter experts, response equipment and information • Conducting local/regional workshops to identify preparedness levels, response capacities, workforce needs, and to provide assistance on the DOJ Assessment • Sponsoring a variety of training programs including “Emergency Response to Terrorism for Public Health Officials,” “Incident Command System for Public Health Executives,” and “Biological Terrorism Medical Response” • Establishing specialized teams for surveillance, field investigations, medical treatment, environmental safety, and other aspects of response to bioterrorism • Participating in TOPOFF and other tabletop exercises • Establishing one 24-hour agency contact number that can be used to notify local, state, and federal agencies • Activating and testing statewide broadcast fax and e-mail capability • Assessing local surveillance and outbreak investigation capacities • Developing laboratory capability for PCR and PFGE • Upgrading reference methods for isolation and identification of select bioterrorism agents • Enhancing procedures for chain-of-custody, security, transport, and storage of samples • Upgrading LIMS to enable rapid reporting of laboratory results to local health authorities • Establishing Health Alert Network infrastructure in all 63 counties • Assessing local communications and information technology capacity

Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing statewide Terrorism Response Capability survey of public health agencies • Establishing regional multi-disciplinary terrorism task forces • Developing model local public health response plan • Identifying training needs and developing appropriate training programs • Enhancing rapid communications capability • Developing hospital preparedness regulations • Improving laboratory testing capabilities • Developing protocols for transfer/referral of laboratory samples • Strengthening local IT infrastructure • Increasing collaboration among local, state, private, public partners
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